

Deputies' Meeting

Wednesday, 17 December 1959

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wolf, Hedden, Amory, [REDACTED]

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General Smith:

a. Referred to a cable from [REDACTED] and directed that (1) the CIA officers involved in disclosing the true story of the [REDACTED] to unwitting [REDACTED] personnel be returned to Headquarters immediately; (2) this incident then be investigated and a report together with recommendations be made to him.

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b. Referred to a cable from the Senior Representative, [REDACTED] concerning comments on the Dulles [REDACTED] discussions and stated that (1) it would be difficult to replace [REDACTED] now as suggested; (2) after he had had an opportunity to discuss this matter with DD/P he intended to raise it at the PSB luncheon on 18 December; (3) there was no objection to [REDACTED] returning to Headquarters for a conference.

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c. Discussed the personnel situation and, in particular, the DCI's authority to discharge insecure and unsuited employees under the law and asked DD/A to draft a letter to the Civil Service Commission advising them that this Agency in general would not conform to Civil Service procedure with the exception as such procedure might apply to administrative and clerical personnel assigned to Headquarters.

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Mr. Wolf:

a. Reported that the Army officer who had been "shot in the leg" was being returned to Washington from [REDACTED] where the incident occurred and that as

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Mr. Wolf (Cont'd.)

soon as the facts could be determined in this case this officer would be returned to his parent service and a full report made to the Department of the Army. The Director stated that at such time as a "few more" cases of indiscretion or inefficiency on the part of officers assigned to this Agency from the Department of Defense were discovered he desired that a letter be prepared to that Department bringing such cases to its attention and requesting that greater care be exercised in the selection of officers for assignment to CIA.



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